

YOU AND I AND  
NOW AND THEN

By Orin R. Coile, St. Louis, Mo.

One of these days there will come from "over there" a casualty list of American soldiers that will eat into your soul and my soul. Many of the boys who went "over there" to protect your honor and my honor and your freedom and my freedom will be on the list of dead. They will have given up their lives, even as the Man of Gallilee, for you and for me.

NOW, and not THEN, you and I should ask ourselves, "Are we doing EVERYTHING we can to help the Army which is back of the Army?" The Army Back of the Army is the great American Red Cross. The Red Cross is one of the biggest agencies for winning the war for the Allies. We are going to win the war, of course. But when? NOW is the time to consider that question, too. NOW is the time for you and for me to do EVERYTHING we CAN for the government of the United States and for the rest of the Allies. And we ought to go to the depths of our hearts for the answer to the question: "Are we doing ALL we can?"

The American Red Cross is the very backbone of the American expeditionary forces. It cares for the soldier's family while he is away, if the family needs care; it cares for the soldier himself, both on the way to the battlefields and after he arrives there; the great American Red Cross MAKES the MORALE of not only the American forces overseas but the forces of the other Allies as well. We are going to win the war, yes, but we are not going to win it without the support of the American Red Cross.

And so, as I said before, one of these days we are going to get our first big casualty list from "over there," and your boy or your neighbor's boy will be one of the dead. THEN, with tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, realizing at last that the boys "over there" have made the Supreme Sacrifice, realizing that they gave us LIFE by embracing DEATH, then—THEN—

But THEN will be TOO LATE. What about NOW? This is OUR hour to act; this is our hour to rally around the Red Cross; this is our hour to join that greatest of all great humanitarian organizations; this is our hour to help make a success of the Christmas membership campaign which has for its purpose the enlistment of 10,000,000 new members by Christmas eve; this is our hour to take to our hearts the Red Cross flag, the flag which stands not only for relief, not only for the care of OUR boys "over there," but also for the MORALE which is necessary for winning the war.

If YOU and I do not belong to the Red Cross we are prolonging the suffering of our boys in France, because we are prolonging the war itself.

Christmas day there will be flashed to the battlefields the inspiring message that 15,000,000 American men and women have joined the American Red Cross and have signified by that action that they are going to back up our boys in the trenches until the shot shall have been fired that will mean that the world has been saved for democracy!

Let us act NOW, not THEN, you and I.

RED CROSS TO PREPARE  
CLOTHING FOR INFANTS

To help relieve the worries of fathers at the front or in the armed forces preparing to proceed there, the American Red Cross, which opens its Christmas membership drive Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is planning to provide every mother who may need it with an infant's layette. The Women's Bureau has published a leaflet, available at every Red Cross chapter, describing this simple outfit of warm baby clothes.

The Red Cross is anxious that these baby clothes be made by women working at home instead of in the chapter workrooms.

Members of the Junior Red Cross, little girls in the grammar grade sewing classes, have offered to help with the baby clothes, and many women in the rural districts will find these simple contributions to the winning of the great war and the comforting of motherhood and childhood.

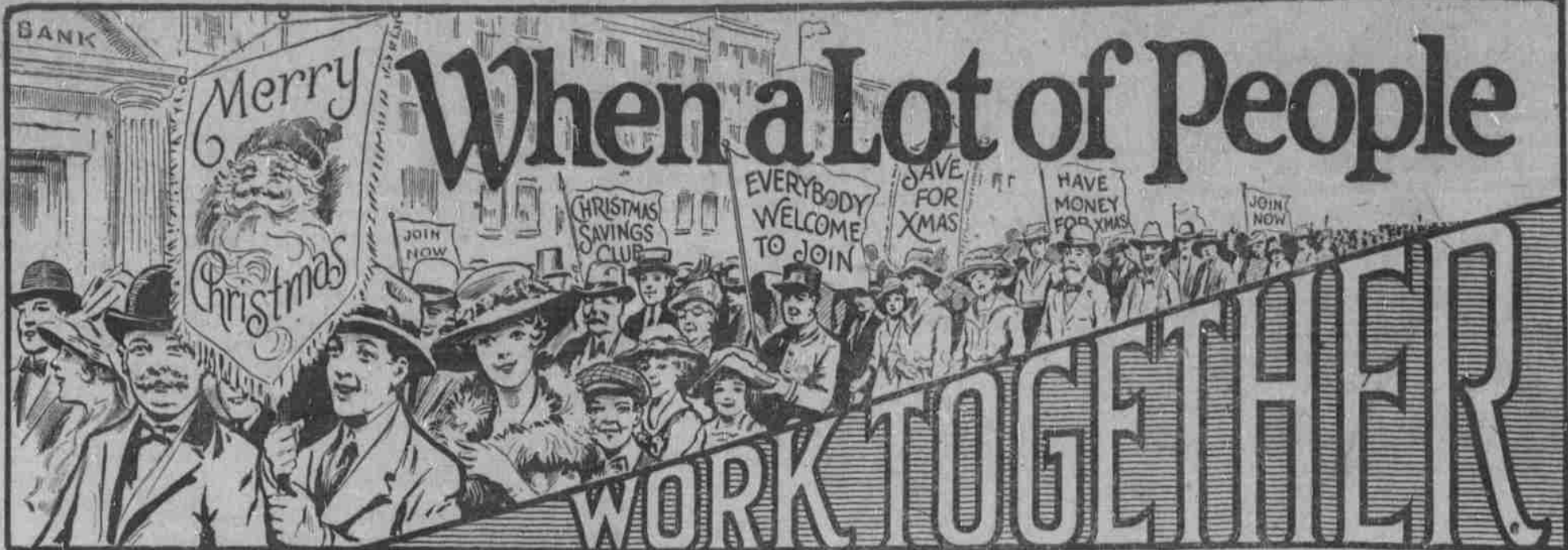
WOMAN WORKER IN ALASKA  
RAISES FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The American Red Cross has received a remittance and the following letter from a woman in a town in Alaska:

"I am sending you a money order for the amount of \$36.50, to be used for the Red Cross. I collected it from the men on two Tin Dredges here in the summer. I am the only white woman here and my nearest Nabor (white woman) are 50 miles from here. I have been here 10 years, without been outside, but tried to do my best to 'do my bit' for our boys in this awful war." I had only two refusals, so consider myself lucky, and a little bit proud. Please let me know when you receive it."

## SPECIAL WAR GIFTS

\* Announcement is made by the Town and County Nursing Service of the American Red Cross of a series of public health nursing scholarships, donated by chapters and individuals as special war gifts.



They Can Accomplish Wonders

That's the Advantage of Becoming a Member of Our

## Christmas Savings Club

"We Can Do Collectively What We Would Fail To Do Individually"

There's Power in Numbers--  
There's Enthusiasm in a Crowd!

COME ON! FALL IN LINE!

For the Largest and Most Successful Club For 1918

Help Yourself! Help Your Neighbor! Help Everybody!

Have Money to Carry Out the Spirit of Christmas Without Stint or Hardship

We invite your co-operation—We want your good example.  
We Solicit your influence in a good cause.

Join any of the following classes—The first deposit makes you a member.

There are no other expenses or conditions.

The 1 Cent Class Pays.....	\$12.75	Other Classes Pay
The 2 Cent Class Pays.....	\$25.50	\$12.50, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00
The 5 Cent Class Pays.....	\$63.50	and up.

In addition to these amounts will be paid if the deposits are made regularly.

Membership Is Open to Everybody—Men, Women, Boys and Girls—and the Baby

This is an opportunity to demonstrate the benefit of the habit of saving.  
Come in—Don't be backward—Let us tell you more about the easy way—  
The sure way to have money

## Traders Bank

## NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 17, 1917.

The undersigned, members of the Legal Advisory Board of Lafayette County, Mo., appointed by the President of the United States, on the recommendation of the Governor of Missouri, for the purpose of advising Registrants of the true meaning and intent of the Selective Service Law and Regulations, and assisting them to make full and truthful answers to the Questionnaire, and aid generally in the just administration of the Law and Regulations, do hereby notify all concerned, that we have accepted said appointment and qualified.

That some member of this Board can be found at the Probate office at Lexington, Missouri, from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 M., and from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m., except Sundays, from this date until time for filing papers

under this law has expired; also Judge James P. Chinn can be found during said hours at his office at Higginsville, Missouri, to render assistance to those desiring help in making out answers.

The object of this Questionnaire is not to draft men now registered, but to classify all Registrants and determine the order in which they will be called for service, and in what departments assigned.

All lawyers of Lafayette County are urged to assist in this work, and not charge for services or Notary fee.

Important: All exemptions and discharges to enlisted men, made prior to noon December 15, 1917, and all certificates and evidences thereof have been revoked, and such certificates have no validity. Therefore, such persons holding such exemption or discharge certificates are required

to appear before the local Board to be classified.

Important: The relatives or friends of all Registrants who have volunteered in the Army or Navy, and who are not now in actual service under the first selective draft, should notify the County Clerk of this fact, otherwise such persons will be published as having failed to appear and answer the questionnaire.

The Questionnaire must be returned to the Local Board on or before the seventh day (excluding Sundays and legal holidays) after the date on the first page of the Questionnaire. Persons desiring assistance from the legal Advisory Board are requested not to wait until their time is about to expire, but to have the same attended to as early as possible, to avoid a rush in the last few days.

Stephen N. Wilson,  
William Aull, Jr.,

James P. Chinn.

**DON'T FORGET**  
to enroll in a Landis Christmas Savings Club at Traders Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Van Anglen left Wednesday for Salina, Kansas, to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Coffey.

Mrs. A. R. Clark and Mrs. Jess Menaugh went to Kansas City Wednesday for a few days' visit.

**Children Cry**  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

Miss Hattie Connors went to Kansas City Wednesday for a brief visit.

Carl Carbon went to Dover Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Ardinger went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

MOP NEW TIME CARD!  
Daily.

647 West Bound, leaves Lexington 9 a. m., arrives K. C. 11 a. m.

648 East bound, leaves K. C. 4:30, arrives Lexington 6:43 p. m.

## Daily Except Sunday

659 west bound at Lex. 3:20 p. m. at Myrick 3:30 p. m.

658 East bound, at Lexington at 9:30 a. m.

## Daily out of Myrick.

647 west bound, leaves Myrick 9:15 a. m. arrives K. C. 11:00 a. m.

41 leaves Myrick at 6 p. m. arrives K. C. 8 p. m.

42 leaves K. C. 7 a. m. arrives at Myrick 8:50 a. m.

648 leaves K. C. 4:30 p. m. arrives Myrick 6:30 p. m.

## Christmas Trees.

5 ft. \$1.00; 6 to 7 ft. \$2.00.  
Fine shaped trees. Phone 399.